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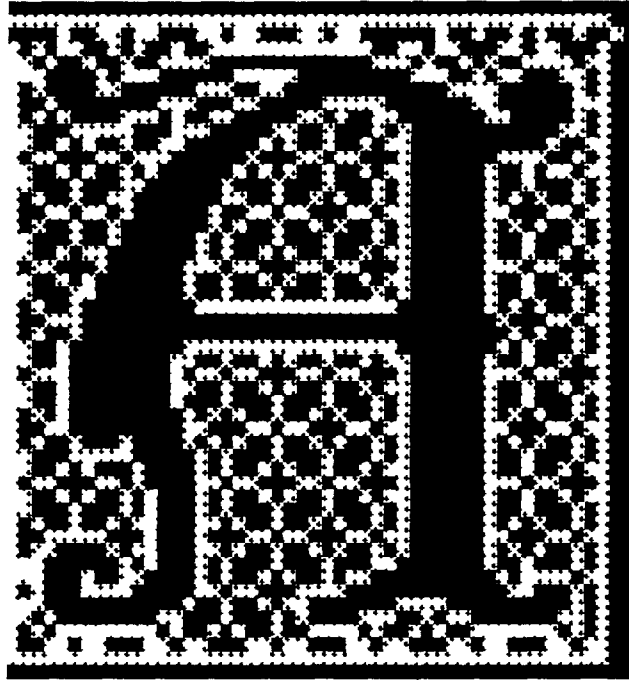
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Overview
Office of Middle East Affairs

ANE/MEA GEOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

The Near East region of USAID's ANE Bureau covers a geographic area that includes both the Middle East and North Africa. There are USAID field offices in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank/Gaza. USAID has closed its offices in Algeria, Israel, Oman, Tunisia and Yemen. The annual funding level for these programs is approximately \$2.2 billion, consisting mostly of Economic Support Fund (ESF) resources. The Middle East Peace Process is the *raison d'être* for this extremely high regional aid level, representing approximately 39 percent of the Agency's foreign assistance budget.

USAID's development assistance resources are programmed to ensure a stable political and economic environment that will permit a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East.

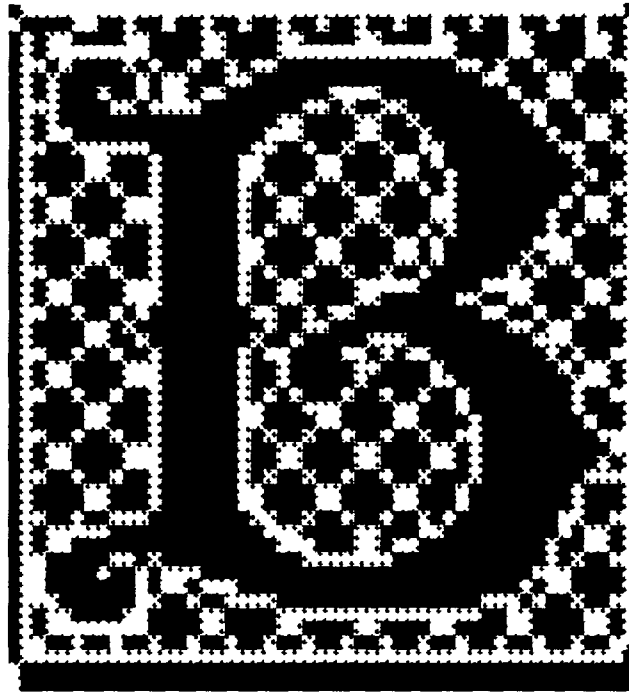
First and foremost among these objectives are water resource issues. As a water deficit region, water supply and demand are at the heart of both bilateral development issues and regional peace concerns. Because of the politically sensitive nature of regional water agreements, State/NEA/PPR manages USAID-funded assistance to the multilateral water working group. USAID's bilateral programs in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and West Bank and Gaza have strategic objectives related to improving access to and making more effective use of freshwater resources. There are other donors, multilateral organizations and non-governmental organizations that also have strong interests in the water sector.

USAID's economic growth objectives in the Middle East region include a combination of policy reform objectives and microenterprise finance activities. Policy reform activities are focussed on removing obstacles increased participation in the Global economy. The Middle East region lags behind other regions in terms of trade liberalization. This is because liberalization of import policy has progressed slowly, resulting in higher average tariffs and wider tariff bands than in other regions. This has had a negative impact on production efficiency and consumer welfare in Middle East countries and will become more costly given the increasing globalization and integration of the world economy. It also reduces the region's attractiveness for foreign investment. Microenterprise activities, which spread the benefits of economic growth, are targeted toward creating the conditions whereby the formal banking system will accept small borrowers as customers for commercial loans. USAID has taken the lead in demonstrating to local organizations and other donors that it is critical to charge market rates for microenterprise loans, if these programs are going to be sustainable.

USAID's health family planning and girls' education programs in the Middle East are striving to reduce the population's demand on very limited water resources, reduce the footholds of fundamentalism that thrive in an environment of high unemployment, and, strengthen women's capacity to lead productive lives

Governance activities which cut across the Middle East region are designed to strengthen democracy through support for wider civil society participation in public decision-making In Egypt there have been sufficient resources to extend into activities related to the rule of law and strengthening the national legislature The program in West Bank and Gaza is focussed on facilitating the transition to self-rule and assisting Palestinians to establish more responsive and accountable governance

Only \$15.5 million of the \$2.2 billion of FY98 program resources for the Middle East region is set aside for regional, versus bilateral, activities \$7.0 million of this goes to the Global Bureau for the MERC project which is a competitive grants program for research activities that are collaboratively implemented by U.S., Israeli and Arab scientists \$3.5 million is programmed for democracy/governance programs in countries that do not benefit from ESF-funding provided for the Middle East Peace Process The remaining \$5.0 million is transferred via 632a agreements to the Department of State in support of five working groups which promote dialogue among the Middle East Peace Process countries



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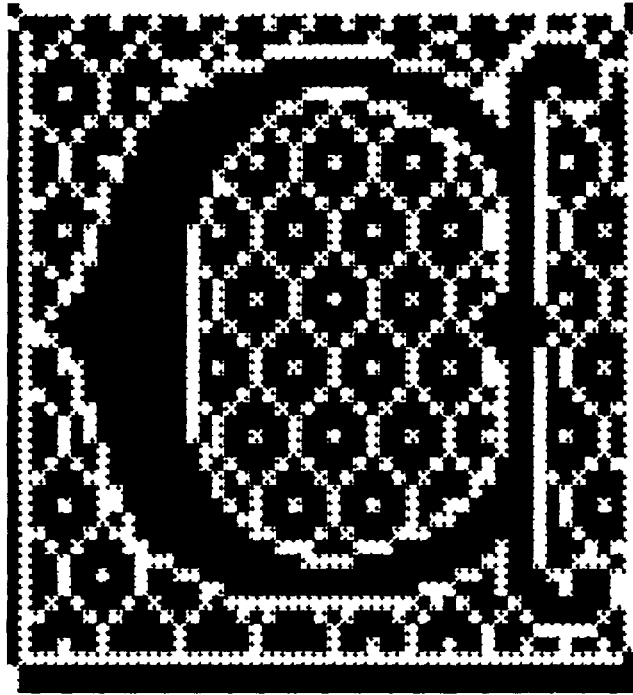
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EGYPT PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Egyptian economy is in transition from 40 years of state intervention in resource allocation to a market-oriented environment. Macroeconomic management has improved during the past five years. Economic growth reached 5.0% in 1997 up from 2.9% in 1994. However, in order for Egypt to realize its enormous potential as both a market for U.S. commodities and as an investment location for U.S. businesses, sustained efforts are needed to continue privatization, develop the financial sector, reduce tariffs, and create a more supportive environment for private investment and export growth. The USAID program devotes approximately 25% of its resources to policy reform, aimed at addressing these constraints, and 25% to the commodity import program, benefitting U.S. suppliers by increasing Egyptian private sector access to and use of U.S. goods. The remaining half of the program is project assistance directed to programs in education, health, environment and democracy/governance to improve the well-being of Egypt's population.

U.S. INTERESTS

Following the initiation of the USAID program in 1975, and the signing of the Camp David Accords in 1979, Egypt has been a strong ally of the United States and a moderating force in the Middle East. Egypt was a vital ally in the Coalition during the Gulf War and, more recently, has played a pivotal role in supporting an overall settlement between Israel, its neighbors and the Palestinians.

USAID PROGRAM

USAID has supported broad economic goals of the Egyptian government and specific development programs to build a stronger economy and enhance the quality of life for the Egyptian people. USAID/Egypt's new strategic plan will continue to address Egypt's fundamental development challenges through eight strategic objectives (SOs): (1) Accelerated private sector-led, export-oriented economic growth, (2) Increased participation of girls in quality education, (3) Increased civil society participation in public decision-making, (4) reduced fertility, (5) sustainable improvements in the health of women & children, (6) increased access to, and sustainability of water & wastewater services, (7) reduced generation of air pollution, and (8) natural resources managed for environmental sustainability.

RESULTS

Egypt has made significant progress on its economic reform program since it began in 1991. Specifically, Egypt has made deep cuts in consumer subsidies, reduced trade barriers, begun the process of public sector reform and privatization, unified and stabilized the foreign exchange rate, reduced the budget deficit from 20% of GDP to under 1.3%, and liberalized interest rates.

USAID programs are responsible for decreased morbidity and mortality nationwide. Over 80,000 Egyptian children are saved each year through use of USAID-financed oral rehydration therapy and immunizations. Infant mortality rates have declined from 97 deaths per thousand in 1988 to 52.7 deaths

per thousand in 1997 a 46% decline. At the same time, USAID-financed family planning activities have increased contraceptive use from 38% in 1988 to almost 54.5% in 1997. With increased contraceptive use, the total fertility rate has declined from 5.2 children/woman in 1975 to 3.27 children/woman in 1997.

USAID has constructed 1,950 primary schools serving more than 1 million students and has trained more than 10,000 teachers and technicians. Female primary school attendance has increased by 30% over the last five years to 74% nationwide and male attendance by 20% to 84%. However, female access to education remains a problem (only 64% of rural girls attend school). Literacy rates clearly show the disparity between female and male access to education: the current literacy rate for women is only 34%, compared to 63% for males. USAID is addressing this problem starting in FY 1996. The USAID program is designed to benefit rural children in particular who now have no access to primary education.

USAID has financed the installation of over 2,500 megawatts of electricity generating capacity and the rehabilitation of an additional 2,500 megawatts, amounting to over 40% of the total generating capacity of the country. Now 96% of Egyptian households have electricity. In addition, 12 million Cairo and Alexandria residents now have reliable telephone service thanks to a USAID comprehensive telecommunications program. Using USAID funds, water and wastewater systems have been rehabilitated and expanded, benefiting 22 million people in 8 cities.

Finally, the USAID program has directly benefitted U.S. trade and investment. The USAID program has been the major channel through which non-military products made in the United States are introduced into Egypt. To date, the Commodity Import Program and the Cash Transfer have provided \$6 billion to Egyptian importers of U.S. equipment and materials from 48 states. Project assistance has also provided \$7 billion of export opportunities for U.S. manufacturers, engineering and consulting firms, construction companies and universities.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

Egypt receives large amounts of aid from many bilateral and multilateral organizations. In 1997, the donor community including the World Bank, France, Germany, the European Union, and the African Development Bank Fund pledged over \$2.5 billion in economic assistance to Egypt. While at least 26 bilateral and multilateral organizations work in Egypt, the United States remains the largest donor with the most comprehensive program.

USAID Assistance

	DA	ESF	Food Aid	Total
FY 96 Appropriation	--	815,000	--	815,000
FY 97 Appropriation	--	815,000	--	815,000
FY 98 Appropriation	--	815,000	--	815,000
FY 99 Request	--	815,000	--	815,000



Biography

Daniel C. Kurtzer

Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt

On November 6, 1997, the United States Senate confirmed Daniel C. Kurtzer, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, to be United States Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt. He was sworn in on December 2, 1997.

Ambassador Kurtzer most recently served as Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research. He entered the Foreign Service in 1976, and served in the Bureau of International Organizational Affairs, as Political Officer at the American Embassy in Cairo, and as Political Officer at the American Embassy in Tel Aviv where he won the Director General of the Foreign Service Award for Reporting in 1986. That year, he returned to Washington to serve as Deputy Director of the Office of Egyptian Affairs. In 1987, he moved to the Policy Planning Staff, and in 1989 became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs. He was selected as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research in 1994.

Ambassador Kurtzer received a B.A. from Yeshiva University in New York, and the M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. from Columbia University. His foreign languages are French and Hebrew. He is married to Sheila Doppelt Kurtzer and has three sons, David, Yehuda, and Jacob.

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ISRAEL COUNTRY SUMMARY

U S INTERESTS

Peace in the Middle East is an objective of U S foreign policy. USAID assistance to the Government of Israel supports the implementation of the historic Camp David Accords and the overall Middle East Peace Process which promote peace between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinians. USAID programs in Israel support peace in the Middle East region by focusing on the goal of assuring the economic, military, and political well-being and security of Israel.

USAID PROGRAM

Since the mid 1970's USAID's program in Israel has been atypical in that it was provided in the form of a Cash Transfer and a Loan Guarantee Program rather than as traditional projectized assistance. USAID supports Israel's policy reform efforts to produce financial stability and structural adjustments needed for rapid sustainable growth. Through the ongoing dialogue of the senior policy-level Joint Economic Development Group, the U S Government encourages Israeli reforms to reduce government spending and deficits, increase privatization, reform labor markets and continue to liberalize its trade resources.

For the most part, Israel uses the annual Cash Transfer Program, \$1.2 billion in FY 1998, to repay debt to the United States. In addition, a 5-year \$10 billion Loan Guarantee Program, authorized in October 1992 and ending in FY 1997, is used by the Government of Israel to borrow foreign exchange on the commercial market and make it available in Israel to support increased business sector activity and economic growth.

RESULTS

The Government of Israel has been relatively successful in stabilizing the economy in the face of a massive inflow of immigrants, increasing the population by 755,000 since the end of 1989. Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth averaged around 6% per year from 1990 through 1995, but fell to around 4% in 1996. In recent years growth in total employment has risen at an annual average of about 7%, the market-based exchange system has improved export competitiveness, and inflation has been reduced to around 11% annually. Unemployment was reduced to 6.4% in 1996 and has continued to decline. Expanding business investment and governmental infrastructure investment coupled with sustained export growth are expected to result in continued growth in the economy over the next several years.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

The United States remains the largest bilateral donor Germany, France Netherlands and Switzerland also are major donors

USAID ASSISTANCE

ESF

FY 95 Appropriation	\$ 1 2 billion
FY 96 Appropriation	\$ 1 2 billion
FY 97 Appropriation	\$ 1 2 billion
FY 98 Appropriation	\$ 1 2 billion
FY 99 Requested	\$ 1 2 billion



Biography

Edward S Walker, Jr *Ambassador To Israel*

Edward S Walker, Jr of Maryland is currently serving as Ambassador to Israel. He previously served as United States Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt from 1994-1997, as Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations with Ambassadorial rank from 1993 to 1994, and as United States Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates from 1989 to 1992 through the period of the Gulf war.

Ambassador Walker has served extensively in the Middle East since his entry into the Foreign Service in 1967. In the course of his career he has had tours overseas in Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Tunisia, and Egypt. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia. His Washington, DC, assignments included 2 years as Special Assistant to the President's Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Negotiations from 1979 to 1981, and 2 years as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State from 1982 to 1984. In 1988, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Near East Bureau of the Department of State.

Ambassador Walker was born in Abington, Pennsylvania. He received an A.B. degree from Hamilton College and an A.M. degree from Boston University. In 1962, he enlisted in the United States Army and served for 3 years in Heidelberg, Germany. In 1985, he attended the Royal College of Defense Studies in London.

Ambassador Walker is fluent in French, Hebrew, and Arabic.

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JORDAN PROGRAM SUMMARY

Jordan is approximately the size of Indiana, with only about 8 percent of its land suitable for agriculture. Poor in natural resources, lacking a well-developed industrial base and surrounded by powerful neighbors, Jordan's economy is vulnerable to conditions elsewhere in the region. The Gulf Crisis sharply reduced Jordanian exports to Iraq, which is a major trading partner, and reduced worker remittances, which are a key source of foreign exchange. Jordan has one of the highest population growth rates in the world. Its population, now 4.2 million, is expected to increase to six million by the year 2000. Unless the growth rate decreases significantly, Jordan will find it more difficult to provide its people with an acceptable quality of life.

U S INTERESTS

U.S. assistance to Jordan supports a stable and moderate government committed to democratization and peaceful solutions of the region's problems. Strategically positioned both geographically and politically, Jordan has consistently been a positive force in the Middle East Peace Process. Its signing of a peace treaty with Israel in October 1994 was a bold step toward a comprehensive peace in the region. The mediating role it played in finalizing the Hebron Agreement in January 1997, helped Palestinians and Israelis reach a compromise on the timing of permanent status talks. U.S. regional interests dictate supporting the King's difficult political decisions for peace and his Government's efforts to maintain stability and promote Jordan's long-term economic viability.

U S AID PROGRAM

USAID's program aims to improve economic growth prospects, relieve a serious water shortage, and reduce a high population growth rate. Accordingly, the country strategy is based on the following objectives:

In FY 97, USAID refocused its economic growth strategic objective to help spread the benefits of Jordan's expanding economy more equitably and to support the peace process by generating jobs and increasing incomes for disenfranchised Jordanians. USAID believes that the private sector is the key to providing enhanced economic opportunities in Jordan with small-to-medium-size enterprises offering the best prospect for increased employment and incomes.

Since most known sources of water have been tapped, a significant portion of USAID's water program is directed toward conservation and re-use. The activities will increase the ability of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to manage Jordan's water resources, improve urban and agricultural water management practices, and expand wastewater treatment and reuse capacity.

To meet the significant demand for family planning services, USAID supports interventions that make effective family planning services more readily available. Activities focus on improving knowledge of effective contraception, increasing the availability of family planning services and increasing the availability and affordability of family planning products. This strategy will improve the practice of family planning in Jordan, emphasizing modern contraceptive methods.

RESULTS

USAID has played a major role in helping the Government of Jordan to establish and carry out a national family planning program. As the lead donor in family planning, USAID was instrumental in increasing the modern contraceptive prevalence rate from 27% in 1990 to an estimated 35.8% in 1996. The average number of live births over a woman's reproductive life dropped from 5.6 to 4.4. Over 1,000 private and public sector medical personnel and family planning counselors have been trained in modern contraceptive methods. With technical leadership from USAID, the Norplant implant and injectable contraceptives are now available in Jordan. USAID also introduced American made IUDs which are being marketed through the private sector, at a more affordable price than comparable European products.

To promote the efficient use of water, over 30,000 people have received information on water use issues. Assistance to the Ministry of Water and Irrigation includes developing an information management system and providing water quality laboratory equipment. Upgrading the As-Samra Stabilization Pond System which serves 80% of Jordan's population is almost complete. The effluent will soon meet international standards and be suitable for unrestricted use on irrigated agriculture. Design work is continuing on the Wadi Mousa wastewater facility. USAID carried out a master plan for wastewater services in the greater Amman area. It will provide the basis for decisions made by the Government of Jordan as well as other donors.

OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE

The World Bank, European Union, Arab Monetary Fund, and International Monetary Fund are Jordan's largest donors. The United States ranks among the ten largest bilateral donors.

USAID Assistance

	DA	ESF	MEPSF ¹	Food Aid	Total
FY 95 Appropriation	5,000	7,200		0	12,200
FY 96 Appropriation	4,000	7,200		0	11,200
FY 97 Appropriation	4,500	20,000 ²	100,000	0	124,500
FY 98 Appropriation	0	15,000 ³	125,000	0	140,000

¹MEPSF - is the Middle East Peace and Security Fund

²In FY97, \$10 million from the WB/G program was transferred to USAID/Jordan (reflected in 97 ESF total)

³In FY98, the \$10 million is being returned to the USAID program in the West Bank and Gaza from the Jordan ESF appropriation (request was originally 25 million)



Biography

Wesley William Egan, Jr. ***Ambassador to Jordan***

Wesley William Egan, Jr., was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Jordan in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on February 26, 1994.

Prior to his nomination, Ambassador Egan was Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States Embassy in Cairo from 1990 to July 1993. He entered the Foreign Service in 1971 and has served as Vice Consul/Second Secretary in Durban, South Africa, as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, as First Secretary for Political Affairs in Lisbon, Portugal, and as Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States Embassy in Lusaka, Zambia. In 1983 he was appointed Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau. He was Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of State from 1985 to 1987 and Deputy Chief of Mission in Lisbon from 1987 to 1990.

He received senior performance pay awards in 1989, 1990 and 1991, and a Department of State Superior Honor Award and Presidential Meritorious Service Award in 1993.

Ambassador Egan was born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1946. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968. He is married to the former Virginia Gildersleeve Warren. They have two children.

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LEBANON PROGRAM SUMMARY

Civil war engulfed Lebanon from 1975 until 1991 resulting in destruction of much of the country's infrastructure and economy as well as marginalization of the government and public management systems. The strife caused massive suffering, flight and impoverishment of the Lebanese people. Since the signing of the 1989 Ta'if Agreement brought an end to the civil war, Lebanon has begun to rebuild itself and living conditions have improved. In 1995, the inflation rate was down to 12% and the Gross Domestic Product grew by 8%. Growth slowed to 4% in 1996, but inflation was down to 4% and the Government of Lebanon continued to invest heavily in reconstruction. A massive private sector redevelopment program for downtown Beirut is well underway. Loans have been secured from the World Bank and other creditors to fund rehabilitation and upgrading of basic infrastructure and to revitalize industry and trade. Significant numbers of Lebanese expatriates are now returning to the country, and the government appears determined to push through legislation that will help Lebanon regain its position as a leading business and banking center in the Middle East. At the Friends of Lebanon Conference, hosted by the United States, donors confirmed commitments of over \$2.0 billion during the period 1996-2000.

U S INTERESTS

It is important to the United States that Lebanon rebuild into a stable, responsible, and prosperous partner that shares our goals of peace, democratic society and market economies. Moreover, Lebanon is a critical link in the Middle East peace process and the achievement of an overall settlement. USAID assistance is designed to assure that we contribute to these goals.

USAID PROGRAM

In spite of the international commitment to contribute heavily to the rebuilding of Lebanon, many challenges lie ahead. The end of the war provided an opportunity for many Lebanese to return to their homes and villages and start rebuilding their lives, but this return has been complicated by the reality that thousands of homes, villages and businesses were destroyed or severely damaged during the war. The abandonment of communities and farms not only affected economic growth, but resulted in severe environmental degradation, urban overcrowding and unemployment.

The USAID assistance program to Lebanon is in a period of transition occasioned by improvements in the stability of the Lebanese Government, the overall security situation within the country, and changing developmental needs that have resulted from these positive trends. In recent years, the program had been characterized by modest levels of funding with an emphasis on relief and reconstruction activities, strengthening of government institutions and support for the U.S. affiliated universities in Beirut. Since the Ta'if Accord, USAID programs have provided the needed resources to assist Lebanon to reconstruct communities, expand economic opportunities and reform government administration. Valuable lessons have been learned, particularly about the reconstruction of rural communities. Although anticipated funding levels for Lebanon during the 1997-2002 strategy period are still modest in the context of overall donor commitments, USAID can provide targeted assistance that is critical to addressing developmental

constraints and will contribute significantly to Lebanon's reconstruction

The USAID program was significantly increased in FY 1997, and reflects the USG interest in helping the GOL and the Lebanese people to recover from the civil war and participate in the Middle East Peace Process. It emphasizes the importance of rebuilding rural communities, expanded economic opportunity, support for democratic institutions, and environmental protection. It supports reconstruction and economic opportunity at the community level, but recognizes that targeted investments in Lebanon's public sector contribute to Lebanon's overall recovery. Activities build upon efforts undertaken immediately following the war and complement those of other donors. At the same time, the USAID program seeks unique opportunities that are created by gaps in the programs of other donors.

RESULTS

USAID-financed PVOs completed in FY97-98 over 200 projects in 29 clusters of war-impacted and poor villages affecting approximately 600,000 individuals. These provide or restore basic infrastructure: potable water, feeder roads and retainer walls, health and community centers, irrigation networks, and sewers. This has allowed displaced families to return to abandoned communities, and resume economic activity and normal life. The Parliament and four central agencies now have electronic information systems that will support increased transparency and efficiency. New policies for information management, budgeting and fiscal controls, and performance evaluation of civil servants are now in place. The American University of Beirut has established a multidisciplinary environmental program that will help solve a range of national pollution and public health problems. Two microenterprise credit programs are reaching thousands of beneficiaries. A demining program is contributing to resettlement and the increased land use. USAID is also working in economic policy reform and structural adjustment, such as the development of capital markets.

OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE

During the period 1996-2000, international donors have pledged more than \$2 billion in assistance to Lebanon, mostly in loans. The World Bank and European Community are the largest donors, followed closely by regional donors. Most assistance is for major infrastructure (power, water, wastewater, telecommunications and transportation), but donors and the Government of Lebanon are beginning to shift to more social infrastructure.

USAID Assistance - \$000

	DA	ESF	Food Aid	Total
FY 95 Appropriation	4,000	4,000	-0-	8,000
FY 96 Appropriation	-0-	2,000	-0-	2,000
FY 97 Appropriation	-0-	12,000	-0-	12,000
FY 98 Appropriation	-0-	12,000	-0-	12,000
FY 99 Request	-0-	12,000	-0-	12,000



Biography

Richard H Jones ***Ambassador to Lebanon***

A senior member of the U S Foreign Service, Mr Jones has served in Washington, Paris, Tunis, and Riyadh while concentrating on economic and Middle East issues. Besides serving in Washington as Director of the State Department's Office of Egyptian Affairs since June 1993, he has served in Embassy Riyadh as Counselor for Political Affairs (1989-92) and Petroleum Attache (1984-86), and in the Department as Director of Developed Country Trade in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (1987-89). He has received several U S Government awards, including an award for performance during the Gulf war and for commercial and trade negotiations.

Before joining the Foreign Service in 1976, Mr Jones earned a Bachelor of Science degree (Math, with distinction) from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, as well as a Master of Science degree (Business) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he was named a University Fellow. In 1980, he received a Doctorate in Business/Statistics from the University of Wisconsin. He also attended the State Department's Senior Seminar (1992-1993).

In his spare time, Mr Jones is an amateur inventor who is now pursuing his first patent (No 5,430,989 awarded on July 12, 1995). He also enjoys orienteering, bicycling, skiing and racquet sports. He and his wife, Joan, are the parents of four children, ranging in age from 3-18.

Mr Jones was born August 26, 1950 in Shreveport, Louisiana. His foreign languages are Arabic and French. He was sworn in as Ambassador to Lebanon on February 2, 1996.

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MOROCCO PROGRAM SUMMARY

Morocco is a stable lower middle income country which has enjoyed modest growth over the past decade despite periodic droughts. Morocco recently elected an opposition government which is embarked on a historic program of decentralization and political and economic reform. Morocco's new political leaders and its general population have high expectations for the future.

U S INTERESTS

American interests spring from a combination of Morocco's successes, problems and potential. Morocco is a temperate voice in this volatile region and a role model for economic and political moderation among Islamic nations, a bulwark against anti-Western Islamic fundamentalism. Nevertheless, Morocco remains vulnerable to threats from internal and external radicalism. An estimated 5.9 million people live at or near the poverty level, two-thirds in rural areas, and nearly 20 percent of the urban labor force is unemployed, increasing seven percent annually. This low labor demand contributes to the creation of a pool of disaffected educated youth, from which extremist appeals find adherents. The new opposition government and its political reform efforts may mitigate these threats, if they focus on the key to stability which is economic growth that creates employment for the growing population. As Morocco liberalizes its economy and opens up its political systems, the United States hopes to promote Morocco as a "platform" for regional trade and investment. The United States is the fastest growing commercial partner of Morocco, outside of the European Community, and the United States will nurture and expand this relationship.

USAID PROGRAM

USAID's past and current program has been successful in improving the quality of life for poorer Moroccans through activities in four areas: child spacing and public health, economic growth and private sector development, environment, water, and housing, and education and training. These activities ranged from direct assistance at the village level to policy reform at the Ministry level. In spite of the Mission's success, as shown below, Morocco still has significant development needs where USAID will continue working.

RESULTS

Health As the principal donor for family planning in Morocco, USAID helped reduce the total fertility rate from 7.0 in 1971 to 3.1 children in 1997, resulting in an estimated 8.8 million fewer Moroccan people than there would have been without USAID assistance. Infant mortality declined from 91 per 1000 in 1979 to 57.6 per 1000 in 1996.

Housing, Water, and Environment USAID has provided urban housing equipped with sanitation and other services for over 45 percent of poor, urban households. USAID support reduced industrial

pollution by promoting energy-saving practices and technologies, which also decreased chromium and nitrate pollution by 10 percent. USAID support has increased the efficiency of water use by 20 percent in irrigated agriculture while increasing yields up to 50 percent in the Tadla region.

Economic Growth USAID has supported small businesses, increased access to credit, strengthened 28 business associations, reduced trade barriers, generated 89,000 person years of employment in labor-intensive agri-business exports and urban housing. These activities expanded the demand for U.S. technologies which resulted in \$40 million of trade with American firms. USAID activities also facilitated the privatization of 55 public enterprises valued at about \$1.6 billion. USAID's newly initiated microenterprise finance activity supported institutions which provide credit to 5,000 microentrepreneurs, 30 percent of whom were women in 1997.

Education and Training Through USAID leadership, donor coordination was institutionalized in this sector. One result was that a USAID-developed teacher training model was adopted by the World Bank and UNICEF for use in rural provinces. USAID support for rural girls' education is expected to increase the percentage of rural girls who complete six years of primary school from about 16 percent in 1996-97 to 35 percent by 2002-03 in 20 pilot rural primary schools.

USAID/MOROCCO PLANS FOR A NEW STRATEGY

USAID Morocco is developing a new Country Program Strategy to focus its limited resources to support and encourage the new Moroccan Government's efforts to reform and liberalize economic and political policies. USAID Morocco also will seek to leverage non-USAID resources, including those from other donors, foundations and the private sector. Over the 1999-2004 strategy period, the number of USAID activities will decline, and the strategic objectives will evolve into two major areas. Also, the new USAID strategy will include cross-cutting issues such as democratization, gender, and decentralization.

OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE

Donor assistance to Morocco totals more than \$1 billion per year in grants and \$500 million in loans. The largest donor programs in Morocco are those of the World Bank, the European Union, France, the African Development Bank and Spain. The U.S. assistance program is relatively small, currently accounting for less than 10 percent of total grant assistance.

	USAID Assistance - \$000				
	DA	ESF	PL 480	Housing Guaranty	Total
FY 96 Appropriation	17,352	---	---		17,352
FY 97 Appropriation	15,200	---	4,047	10,000	25,200
FY 98 Appropriation	12,500	---	---		12,500
FY 99 Request	11,800	---	---		11,800



Biography

Edward M Gabriel *Ambassador to Morocco*

Edward M Gabriel was sworn in as Ambassador to Morocco on November 6, 1997

Ambassador Edward Gabriel has an extensive background in international affairs, having convened multilateral policy forums involving national security, environmental, trade, and energy issues. He has been involved in matters of Russian and European nuclear non-proliferation and safety, and he has been active in advising the Administration on Middle Eastern matters.

Ambassador Gabriel was President and Owner of The Gabriel Group, a consulting firm with ongoing assignments for major environmental, electric power, and high technology companies. He was also Senior Vice President in charge of Corporate Public Affairs for the CONCORD Corporation, as well as President and CEO of the Madison Public Affairs Group, one of the top 10 public affairs companies in Washington, DC.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Mr Gabriel has been active in numerous professional and nonprofit organizations. He has served as a senior counselor on Middle Eastern and Russian issues for the Center for Democracy, he is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Arab American Institute, and he is a founding member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the American Task Force on Lebanon. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of The Keystone Center where he advises on environmental, energy, and non-proliferation policies.

Mr Gabriel was born in Olean, New York and lives in Washington, DC. He earned a B.S. in accounting from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1972. He is married to Kathleen Mary Linehan.

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WEST BANK AND GAZA PROGRAM SUMMARY

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) administers U S Government economic and humanitarian assistance programs supporting the Middle East Peace Process. After the September 1993 Israeli-PLO Accords were signed, the U S pledged \$500 million over a five year period (\$375 million in USAID-administered resources and \$125 million in Overseas Private Investment Corporation programs). Annual USAID funding levels are about \$75 million delivered primarily through direct contracts or grants with U S firms and private voluntary organizations.

The USAID Mission to the West Bank and Gaza was established in August 1994. Initial activities were developed to support short-term, emergency programs essential in the first phase of Palestinian self-rule. Since FY 1996, USAID's activities have been formulated as components of a five year development program (1996-2000) that reflects the demands of a rapidly evolving political and economic situation. The overall goal of the USAID program is to strengthen Palestinians' commitment to the peace process by helping them realize the tangible benefits of peace. The program will lead to sustainable improvements in the lives of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza.

USAID funding supports

- *Improving access to and use of scarce water resources*
- *Expanding economic opportunities*
- *Facilitating transition to self-rule*
- *Facilitating more responsive and accountable governance*
- *Addressing selected short-term development needs*

IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND USE OF SCARCE WATER RESOURCES

USAID is addressing the critical shortage and economical use of water. As a key donor in the planning and implementation of water activities in the West Bank and Gaza, USAID plays a crucial role in helping implement the September 1995 interim agreement on water (Article 40). Working with Palestinian institutions, USAID is promoting sustainable interventions to develop new water sources, improve conveyance systems, improve the management and use of water resources, upgrade and expand wastewater systems, and encourage policies that lead to full cost-recovery and long-term sustainability while protecting the environment. (*Estimated funding \$265 million over the period FY 1996-2000*)

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

USAID-funded activities and programs encourage broad-based growth in the Palestinian private sector by addressing constraints which hinder economic opportunities: small and microenterprise access to financial services, access to markets, productivity and competitiveness of Palestinian firms, and the policy framework for private sector development. Improving private sector opportunities to achieve increased employment and incomes will help provide a stable foundation for long-term prosperity and self-rule. (*Estimated funding \$40 million over the period FY 1996-2000*)

FACILITATING MORE RESPONSIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

With elections successfully carried out for the Legislative Council and Head of the Executive Authority, the Palestinian Authority is now challenged to create a functioning government that is seen to be responsive to the needs and expectations of its people. USAID supports activities to help build more responsive and accountable governance through increasing the participation of civil society organizations in public decision-making and government oversight, enhancing the capability of the Palestinian Legislative Council to perform functions of a legislative body, increasing the effectiveness of the Executive Authority's legislative and public-making process and establishing the foundation for decentralized local government. *(Estimated funding \$41 million over the period FY 1996-2000)*

FACILITATING TRANSITION TO SELF-RULE

Having contributed to the successful completion of the Legislative Council and Executive Authority elections, USAID is now working to create open and transparent governance. USAID activities support civil society organizations' participation in public decision-making and government oversight, enhancing the Palestinian Legislative Council capacity to perform the functions of a legislative body, increasing the Executive Authority's effectiveness in legislative and public policy-making process, and establishing the foundation for decentralized local government. *(Estimated funding \$13 million over the period FY 1996-2000)*

ADDRESSING SELECTED SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

USAID has supported activities to address urgent development needs such as housing, job creation and other small infrastructural and institutional development activities, most of which are now completed. Future activities are expected to be limited and short-term. *(Estimated funding \$16 million over the period FY 1996-2000)*

USAID Assistance - \$000

	ESF	Total
FY 96 Appropriation	75,000	75,000
FY 97 Appropriation	75,000	75,000
FY 98 Appropriation	75,000	75,000
FY 99 Request	75,000	75,000



Biography

John E. Herbst ***Consul General Jerusalem***

John Edward Herbst was named Consul General to the American Consulate in Jerusalem

In his last assignment he served as Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for the New Independent States. Prior to that, he served as Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs, Director of the Office of Regional Affairs in the Near East Asia Bureau, Political Counselor at the American Embassy Tel Aviv, Deputy Director for Economics in the Office of Soviet Union Affairs, and Director for Policy at the National Security Council. He also worked at U.S. embassies in Moscow and Saudi Arabia.

Herbst has a B.S.F.S. from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and an M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

He is married with five children.

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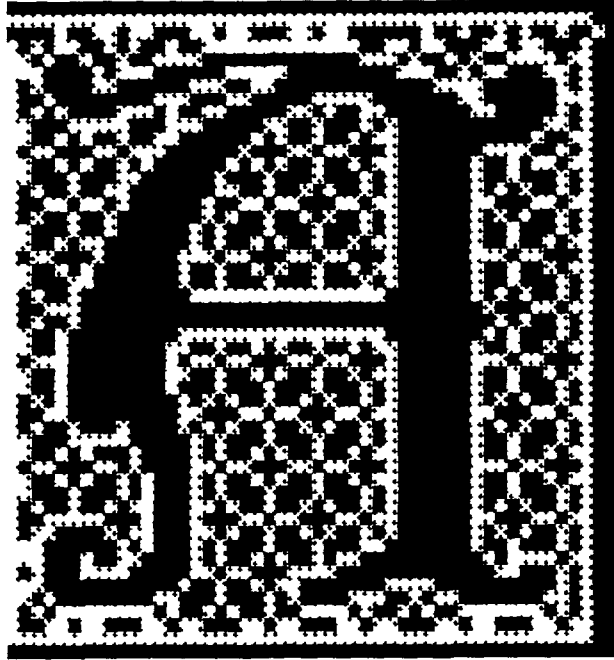


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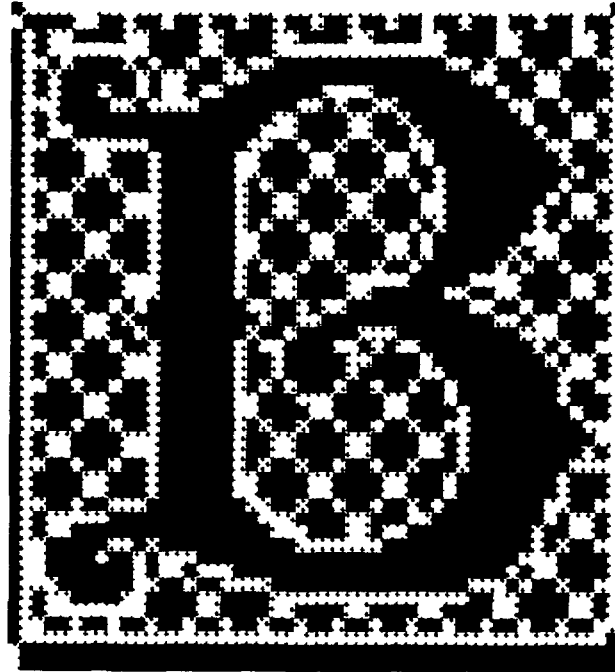
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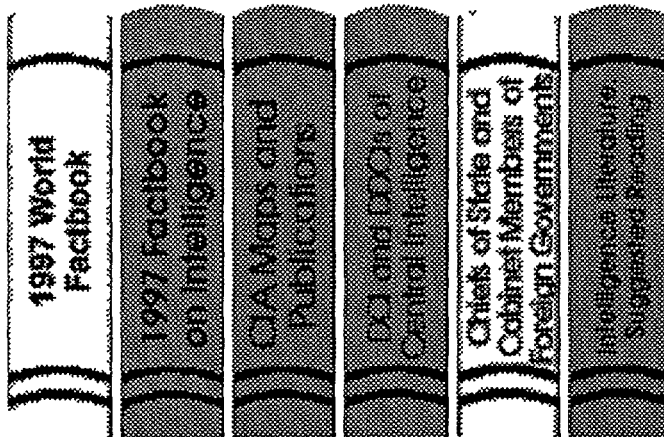
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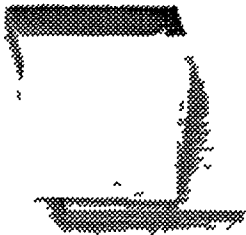
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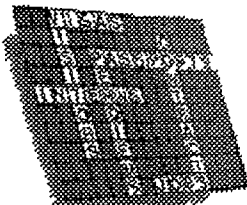
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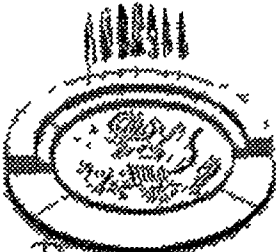
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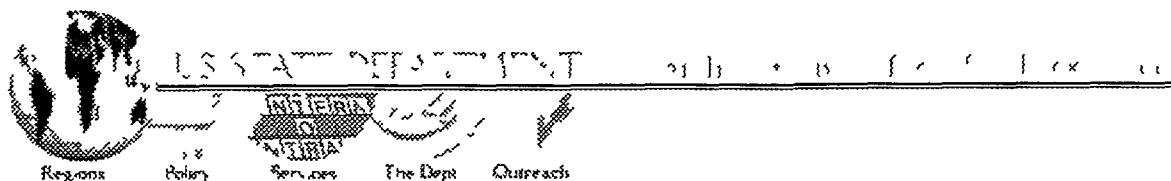
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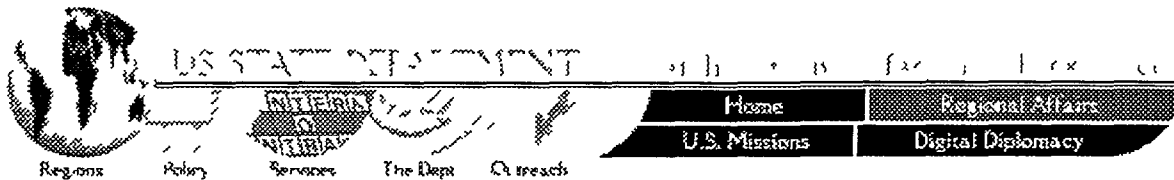
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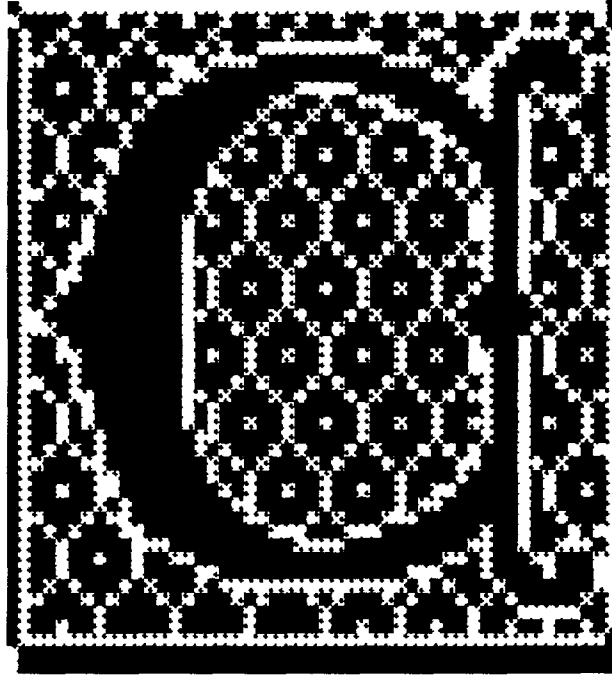
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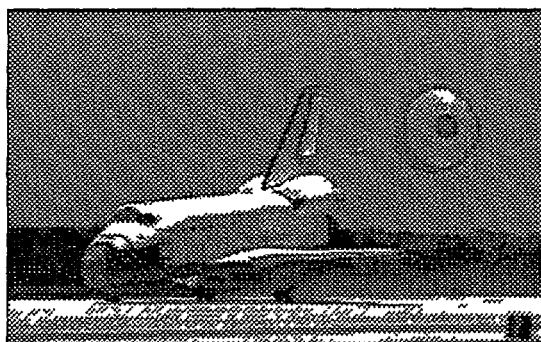


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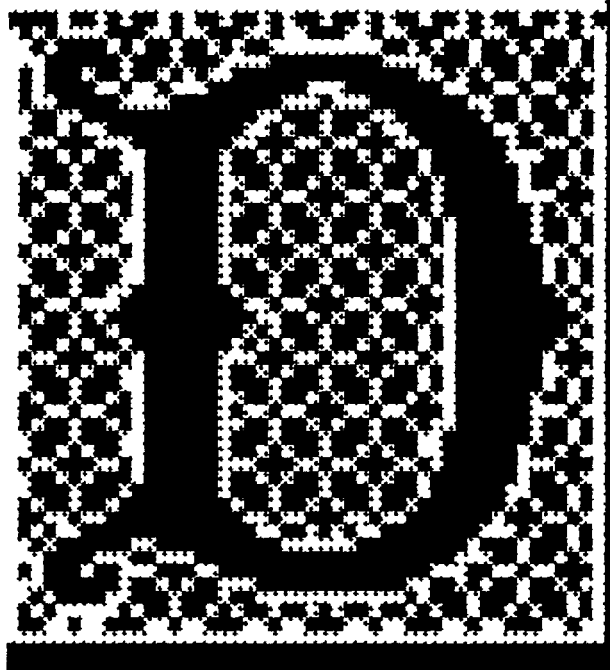
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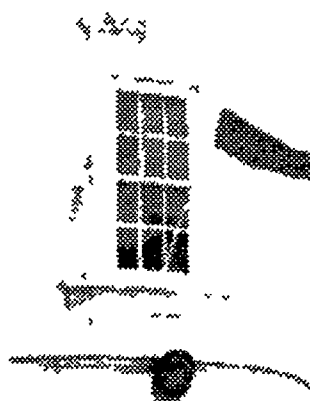
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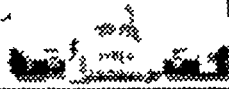


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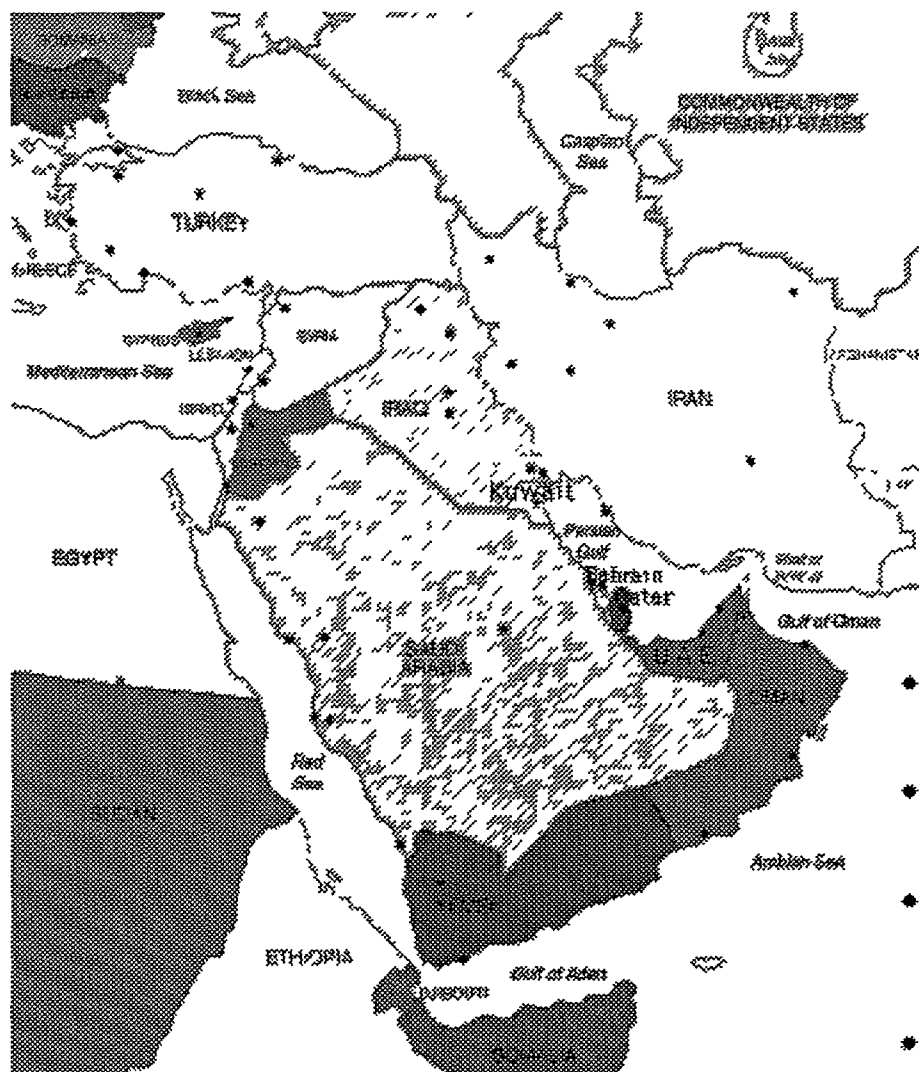
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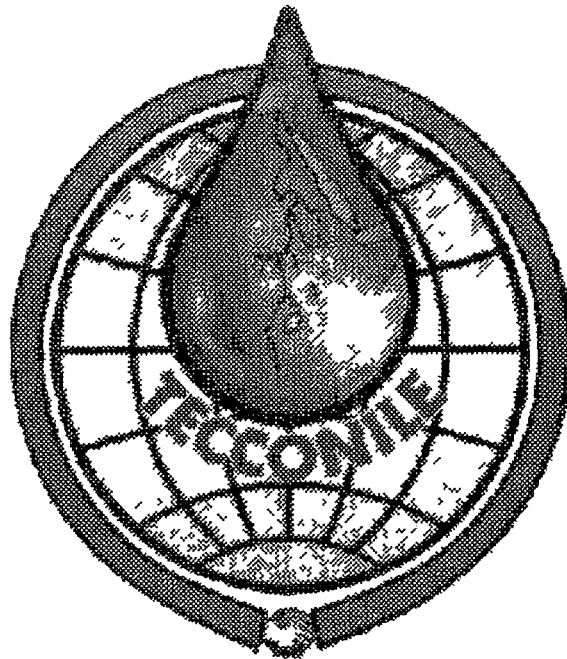
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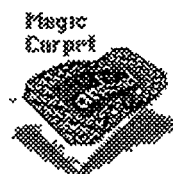
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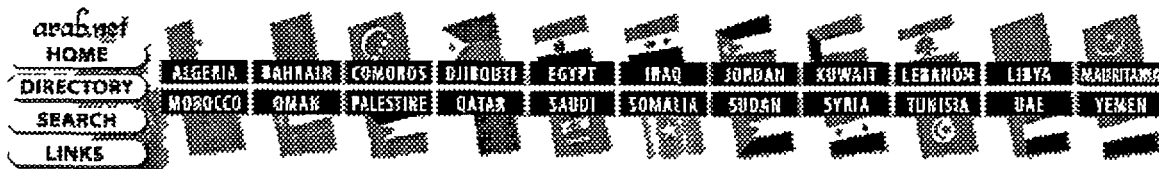
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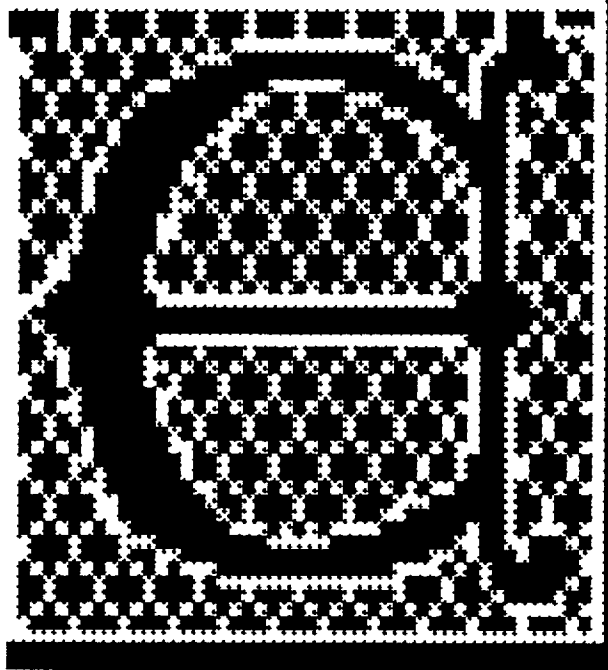
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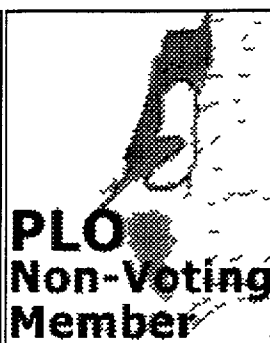
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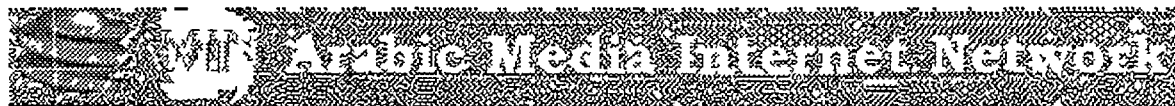
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The Daily Star Online

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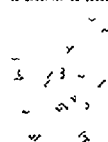
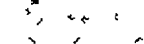
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The trademark boyish smile vanished and the normally buoyant American ambassador slipped into a pensive mood as he reflected on one of the biggest disappointments of his career "that Lebanon had not regained its full territorial integrity and sovereignty during my tenure"

Today, Richard Jones leaves the post he has held for two-and-a-half years, confident that peace in the Middle East will be attained "sooner rather than later"

And despite the major strides Lebanon has made to consolidate security and recover its democratic traditions, there is a need for serious planning to prepare for a role in the region once the era of peace sets in, Jones told The Daily Star in an interview on the eve of his departure

Reluctantly, Jones admitted that Lebanon was one of the hardest posts of his 22-year career On the personal level, travel restrictions meant a long separation from his wife and four children in the US

On the professional front "I had hoped when I arrived here that I would be working very actively on the bilateral peace talks between Lebanon and Israel and that I would be here to see the day when all foreign forces had withdrawn from the country and there was a comprehensive peace agreement for the entire region

"It didn't work out that way The fact the work isn't finished has to be the biggest disappointment," he said

But pessimism is not in the nature of the 47-year-old diplomat "You don't know what's happening behind the scenes," he said teasingly before breaking into laughter "I don't know either There's a great deal of political will in the United States and I know that it sometimes looks bleak but, as we always say in the United States, 'it's always darkest before the dawn ' I'm confident action will be taken this summer "

Since the lifting of the travel ban last year, relations between Beirut and Washington have improved considerably but "they can improve a lot further "American firms are showing a lot of interest in Lebanon, but so far they're not getting much business here I think it's important to have American firms in the market not only because of the technology they can provide but because of the

business ethics they bring to the country ”

Jones ruled out the existence of a deliberate policy to keep US businessmen out of the Lebanese market. Part of the problem, he agreed, was the travel ban, which meant that US firms were largely excluded from the initial post-war projects. But more importantly, it is the Lebanese system that discourages potential foreign investors, Jones admitted.

“There’s a lack of certainty of what the rules are and a lack of transparency. Obviously there’s a big overhanging negative factor, which is the regional situation. But I’ve always argued that because you have this negative factor you must do everything else you can to make good investment planning and, when the regional problems go away, Lebanon will really take off,” he said.

Is Lebanon ready now?

“No, I don’t think so,” Jones sighed. “There’s a lot to be done. I’m not an expert on your legal system, and I don’t know all the things that will be necessary. But take a level-playing field and the resolution of disputes, which are very important. Also, patents and the protection of intellectual property rights are very important.”

“It’s not a question of tax holidays or subsidies. There’s so much that can be done to improve the legal regime that won’t cost anything. You don’t need to bribe companies to come to your market if you’ve got a proper legal system.”

Businessmen, he added, want to be “confident that if they have problems with their partners, their local partners, there’s a clear means, a fair means and an expeditious means for settling the disputes. That’s what people look for.”

“In terms of services, you’ve got marketing and advertising, and a lot of people would want to base their operations in Lebanon so their products can be marketed out, if there was proper protection of their property rights, if they felt they knew what the government’s policies are and that they’re not going to change.”

Jones found the frequency with which rules change disturbing, citing as an example import regulations, including last year’s food import ban that tossed Lebanon’s trade relations with neighbouring countries into jeopardy.

“Capricious steps like that can have a very chilling effect on investment,” Jones said.

Jones, whose tenure saw a significant flow of US military aid to Lebanon, was full of praise for Lebanon’s military establishment. “I say this sincerely. I’m fully confident of the Lebanese armed forces’ capability to control security in the entire territory of Lebanon without any assistance.”

The US diplomat was clearly impressed with the way security forces had acted following the explosion in Dora in which two suspected Lebanese Forces agents were killed and the rocket blasts in the vicinity of the US embassy in Awkar.

“It’s important that some arrests have been made and made very quickly. Obviously they conducted that investigation with a great deal of urgency and it’s good that they’ve made arrests,” he said.

In general, security has improved, admitted Jones, “but I think there are still some question marks out there.”

He explained, “From a US perspective the biggest thing the government could do to reassure us would be to begin clearing up some of the files that are left over from the 1980s that involved American victims.”

He said that while he understood the purpose of the 1991 amnesty for war-related crimes, “in many cases crimes that were probably not covered under the amnesty.”

law seem to be left to languish ”

The US, he added, would never drop its demands concerning those who committed crimes against its citizens

“The fact that we don’t certify Beirut International Airport for use by American carriers and we don’t allow MEA to fly to the United States really stems from the unresolved 1980s terrorist incidents,” he said “That’s an example of where we would hope the Lebanese authorities would try harder to fulfil their obligations ”


Municipal polls, said Jones, underlined the return of democracy, and pointed to a healthy presidential election this autumn “It’s not a popular election But I think the Lebanese people can have an impact on the electoral policy and outcome by making it clear to their representatives which characteristics and criteria are important for the next leader,” he said

“It’s easy to fall into a name game It’s more important to decide what type of person Lebanon needs to lead it into the next millennium and certainly into what we all hope is the coming era of peace ”

To what extent will the US seek to influence the election?

“I think what you’re seeing now is a United States that is very much interested in helping Lebanon to consolidate and to recover its democratic traditions We see our role as trying to safeguard the integrity of the process rather than to dictate our terms ”

Jones’ advice to his as yet unconfirmed but likely replacement David Satterfield “Enjoy it as much as I have ”

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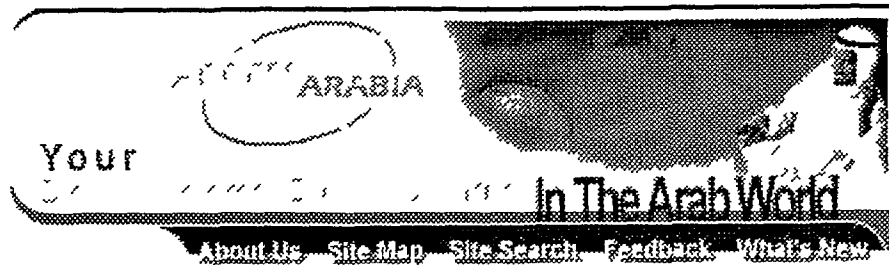
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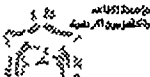
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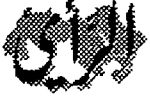
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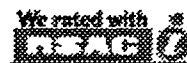


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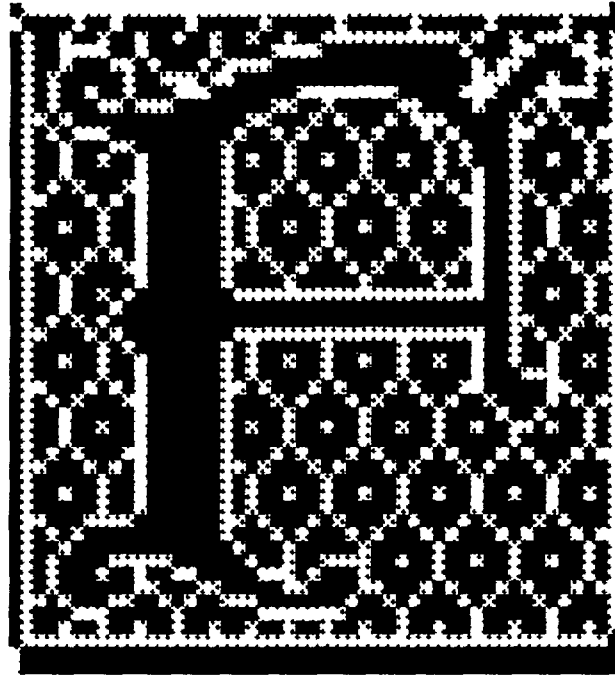
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- 4 Select the country of interest depending on their status as a IBRD or IDA borrower or the West Bank & Gaza whom receives funding via the World Bank managed fund

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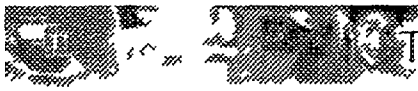
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IBRD and IDA Eligible Borrowers

Algeria

Egypt

Iran, Islamic Republic

Jordan

Lebanon

Morocco

Syrian Arab Republic

Tunisia

Yemen

The following countries receive technical assistance to support their development efforts

Bahrain

Kuwait

Oman

Qatar

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

The West Bank and Gaza receives funding from the Bank-managed Trust Fund for Gaza and the West Bank

1997 Regional Perspectives from the 1997 World Bank Annual Report

Press Releases and Speeches related to this region

Membership IBRD and IDA 1997 (IBRD and IDA Eligible Borrowers this region)

Environmental Overview from the Environment Department Environmentally Sustainable Development

Poverty Assessments of selected countries are available in Poverty Reduction and the World Bank Progress in Fiscal 1996 and 1997

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American Research Center in Egypt - Webpage

Currently USAID in partnership with The American Research Center in Egypt, is involved with the *Egyptian Antiquities Project*. An agreement was signed in November 1993 for \$15 million in funding (Egyptian currency) for the conservation of the Antiquities (This site is provided by one of our USAID partners in Egypt)

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- 1 Type - [http //www arce org](http://www.arce.org)
- 2 Click on the words *enter*
- 3 In the left column click New Conservation Projects You will then find a listing of Egyptian Conservation Projects

International Organization

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Webpage

This site provides the user with information concerning UNDP's area of involvement in a particular country or region. Site details UNDP's level of assistance, future programme directions, news features, UNDP areas of focus, and a variety of other points of interest to the user.

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- 1 Type - [http //www undp org](http://www.undp.org)
- 2 You have a choice of a number of hot links (entire list below)
- 3 We shall click on *Discover UNDP*
- 4 Scroll down to *UNDP Country Office Websites*, click on black arrow and select your particular country of interest (Jordan used as example). Go down to *Country Office Information* and double click. You will find yourself at the UNDP screen for Jordan. Wait a moment because the program will continue to the next screen.
- 5 You will find yourself at additional links such as
 - * *Global Mission* - description of UNDP and its mission statement
 - * *What we do* - areas of involvement, levels of assistance, & future programme directions
 - * *Programmes & More* - UNDP Strategy, and projects in Jordan
 - * *News & Events* - articles & features with country specific concerns

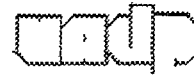
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Sustainable Human Development



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The Palestinian National Authority

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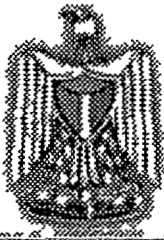
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- 1 Type - [http //www pna net](http://www.pna.net)
- 2 At the left are hot links to a collection of topics related to the Palestinian experience

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